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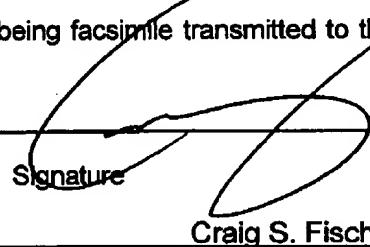
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1. Facsimile Cover Sheet including Certificate of Transmission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8 (1 page);
2. Applicant-Initiated Interview Request Form (1 page);
3. After-Final Response (21 pages);
4. Marked-up Drawing Sheets (2 sheets -- FIGS. 1 & 2).

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Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 09/461,900 First Named Applicant: NACE et al.
 Examiner: W.D. THOMSON Art Unit: 2123 Status of Application: Pending

Tentative Participants:
 (1) Examiner W.D. Thomson (2) Craig Fischer

(3) _____ (4) _____

Proposed Date of Interview: 05/12/04 Proposed Time: 1 PM (EST)

Type of Interview Requested:

(1) Telephonic (2) Personal (3) Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: [] YES NO

If yes, provide brief description: _____

Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) <u>102(e) Rejection</u>	<u>Claims 1-40</u>	<u>9 References Cited in OA</u>	[]	[]	[]
(2) <u>102(b) Rejection</u>	<u>Claims 1-40</u>	<u>Chen ('932)</u>	[]	[]	[]
(3) _____	_____	_____	[]	[]	[]
(4) _____	_____	_____	[]	[]	[]

[] Continuation Sheet Attached

Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented: (Please see attached After-Final Response)

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on _____.

NOTE:

This form should be completed by applicant and submitted to the examiner in advance of the interview (see MPEP § 713.01).

This application will not be delayed from issue because of applicant's failure to submit a written record of this interview. Therefore, applicant is advised to file a statement of the substance of this interview (37 CFR 1.133(b)) as soon as possible.

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